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RE: SN: 09/734,329; "Master Bone Formation Transcription Factor: Compositions and Methods of Use" by Crombrughe et al.
Our ref: UTXC:666US/10020509 Client ref: MDA00-049

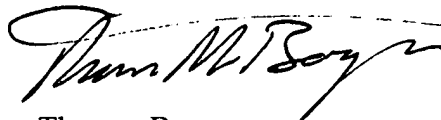
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Please find enclosed:

1. Preliminary/ Amendment and Response to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Sequence Disclosures dated June 18, 2002; and
2. A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Benoit de Crombrughe, et al.

Serial No.: 09/734,329

Filed: November 30, 2000

For: MASTER BONE FORMATION
TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR:
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF
USE

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Unknown

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**I. PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT; AND II. RESPONSE TO NOTICE
TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES
DATED JUNE 18, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures ("the Notice") mailed June 18, 2002, Applicants herewith provide a preliminary amendment that cures typographical errors, which led to the issuance of the Notice.